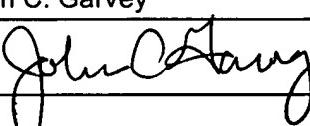


U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 835.1026
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP01/04286	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE May 22, 2001	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED May 26, 2000
TITLE OF INVENTION CHARACTERISTIC VALUE IDENTIFICATION METHOD AND APPARATUS		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Shizuo Sumida, et al.		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (PCT Article 31). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US) <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). 		
Items 10-15 below concern document(s) or information included:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. <p>Please mail the recorded assignment document to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the person whose signature, name & address appears at the bottom of this document. b. <input type="checkbox"/> the following: 12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. 13. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification 14. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. 15. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Submission of Priority Documents 		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The U.S. National Fee (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1)) and other fees as follows:		

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	TOTAL CLAIMS	22 -20=	2	x \$ 18.00	36.00
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2 -3=	0	x \$ 84.00	0.00
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+\$280.00	0.00
	BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(4):				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO\$1,040 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International preliminary examination fee (37 C.F.R. 1.482) not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO.....\$ 890 <input type="checkbox"/> International preliminary examination fee (37 C.F.R. 1.482) not paid to USPTO but international search fee (37 C.F.R. 1.445(a)(2) paid to USPTO...\$ 740 <input type="checkbox"/> International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) but all claims did not satisfy provision of PCT Article 33(1)-(4).....\$ 710 <input type="checkbox"/> International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(2) to (4)\$ 100				890.00
	Surcharge of \$130 for furnishing the National fee or oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 mos. from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.482(e)).				0.00
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	Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. Affidavit must be filed also. (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28.)				
	SUBTOTAL				926.00
	Processing fee of \$130 for furnishing the English Translation later than $[]$ 20 $[]$ 30 mos. from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.482(f)).				
				TOTAL NATIONAL FEE	926.00
	Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)).				+ 40.00
				TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED	966.00
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A check in the amount of \$ 966.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.				
b. <input type="checkbox"/>	Please charge my Deposit Account No. 19-3935 in the Amount of \$ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.				
c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-3935. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.				
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SUBMITTED BY: STAAS & HALSEY LLP					
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